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Governor Foster Recognizes Environmental Protection Efforts

(Baton Rouge) -- Governor Murphy M.J. "Mike" Foster today recognized nine industrial and three municipal facilities from across Louisiana for voluntarily implementing pollution prevention projects and community involvement programs. The facilities are members of the Louisiana Environmental Leadership Program (LaELP). LaELP is a program designed to encourage pollution prevention and environmental improvements in Louisiana.

Governor Foster presented certificate awards to the 12 facilities during the Sixth Annual Governor's Environmental Leadership Awards ceremony held at the Louisiana State Capitol. Assisting in the presentation of the certificates was Dr. L. Hall Bohlinger, Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

After presenting the certificates, Governor Foster said. "I applaud these recipients for their efforts to keep Louisiana environmentally protected. The states responsibility is to the citizens of Louisiana. Protecting citizens by enforcing environmental laws is made much easier when industries and companies go beyond the minimum requirements of the law in the area of environmental responsibility."

Many states use awards programs as an incentive to reward companies who adopt pollution reduction strategies. Over 30 states around the country have environmental awards or recognition programs, 22 of which are called the Governor's Awards. In all of these, the state environmental agency is closely involved. Secretary Bohlinger stressed the importance of finding "new and innovative concepts that provide long term environmental gains." In this sense, the DEQ Secretary called the LaELP "a key catalyst in encouraging the business community to implement projects that improve and protect Louisiana's environment and enhance the quality of life for all Louisiana's citizens."

In Louisiana, any company or facility with an interest in improving the quality of the state's environment is eligible to join the LaELP at any time.

Some of the guiding principles for aspiring members include giving top priority to minimizing impact on human health and the environment in regulatory and business decisions, implementing internal environmental management systems to encourage continuous improvements in environmental performance, using the waste management hierarchy (source reduction, recycling, treatment and disposal) as guidance for managing environmental issues and for optimizing processes, and engaging in proactive communication with neighbors and the larger community regarding environmental matters.

The program has been active since 1995 and has over 90 members.

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***GOVERNOR'S ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP
AWARDS 2002***

LOUISIANA FACILITIES RECOGNIZED BY GOVERNOR FOSTER

**FOR PROJECTS DEMONSTRATING LEADERSHIP
IN POLLUTION PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH INVOLVEMENT**

Pollution Prevention Achievement Awards

Air Products and Chemicals (St. Gabriel)

For implementing a design change which allows recycling of a heavy amines oil stream resulting in the reduction of 161,400 pounds per year of hazardous waste.

Contact: Trina Laurent (225) 642-44216

BASF Corporation (Geismar)

For an innovative project that recovers and reuses 50 metric tons of degraded catalyst in the Aniline Unit, which would have been otherwise landfilled.

Contact: Eric Hillman (225) 339-2043

Chevron Oronite Company, Oak Point Plant (Belle Chasse)

For improvement in the filtration step of the zinc additive manufacturing process whereby over five times more additive is filtered per batch resulting in 37% reduction of zinc lost in the filtration process.

Contact: Troy Sampey (504) 391-6471

Dupont Dow Elastomers, Pontchartrain Site (LaPlace)

For the reduction of 50,000 pounds per year of chloroprene air emissions through installation of a vapor balance vent collection header between eleven storage tanks and two railcar loading stations.

Contact: R. Martin Guidry (985) 536-5338

International Paper, Pineville Mill (Pineville)

For the modification of Pineville Mill's Power Boiler with improvements in combustion control to burn more biomass fuels (bark and agricultural residues) in lieu of natural gas, thereby reducing 20% of the natural gas purchased. This conversion resulted in reducing particulate emissions (570 tons/year), nitrogen oxides, (210 tons/year) and carbon monoxide (250 tons/year).

Contact: Bill Matthews (318) 441-4252

Marathon Ashland Petroleum (Garyville)

For installation and the innovative operation of two electric-drive compressors which recover hydrogen sulfide from the vacuum distillation tower off-gas and other low pressure vent streams, thus reducing sulfur dioxide emissions by 8,000 pounds per year.

Contact: Terry Persaud: (985) 535-7210

Monsanto Company (Luling)

By employing a "Six Sigma" approach it was determined that the amount of Glyphosate Intermediate lost in the crystallization unit could be reduced by operating the centrifuge at much lower pH. A

recovery of 1.1 million pounds per year was achieved which would otherwise have been disposed of via deep well.

Contact: William Rhodes (985) 785-3866

Motiva Enterprises, Norco Refinery (Norco)

For modification of a storm water retention pond to provide three parallel sedimentation basins, the construction of which included the reuse of 60,000 cubic yards of earthen materials. By providing for intermittent usage of the basins, the total suspended solids carried over into the effluent while cleaning a sedimentation basin is significantly reduced.

Contact: Fred Goodson (504) 465-7609

Rubicon Incorporated (Geismar)

For an innovation in design of the Toluene Disocyanate unit whereby a Recovery Column Overhead Dryer was installed between reactors to reduce water carry-forward. This reduced the generation of tars by 1.65 million pounds per year.

Contact: Michelle Eaglin (225) 242-5590

Community Outreach Achievement Awards

East Baton Rouge Parish Recycling Office (Baton Rouge)

For outstanding community leadership in recycling education and investing significant time and effort to establish and implement the America Recycles Day 2002 in East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana.

Contact: Susan Testroet-Bergeron: (225) 389-5194

General Motors Corporation, Shreveport Assembly Plant (Shreveport)

For outstanding community leadership in the creation of the Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (GREEN) Program encouraging environmental education with hands-on field sampling of streams and lakes.

Contact: David Burroughs: (318) 683-9267

City of Shreveport, Department of Operational Services – Office of Environmental Affairs

For outstanding community leadership shown in developing and implementing the Cross Lake Watershed Interactive CD and educational Kiosk display targeting environmental education of middle school students and adults, and for the continuing commitment toward public awareness of the watershed and its importance to the protection of the city's water supply.

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